

## The Mission Field

Lord, send Thy light,  
Not only in the darkest night,  
But in the shadowy, dim twilight,  
Wherein my strained and aching sight  
Can scarce distinguish wrong from right—  
Then send Thy light!

Exchange.

### A Missionary's Self-Dedication

David Brainerd.

"Here I am, Lord, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort in the earth; send me even to death itself; if it be but in thy service, and to promote thy kingdom."

### Missions Not a Failure

Dean Farrar.

I want to scatter to the four winds the utterly false remark of cynics and worldlings that missions are a disastrous failure. I say, on the contrary, that when we compare the poverty of the means adopted, missions are a supreme and unprecedented—I do not even hesitate to say a supernatural and miraculous—success.

### The Gospel's Best

Selected.

While many of the world's religions have some things that are good in them, only the Christian religion offers a Christ. Said a young Brahman to a missionary:

"Many things which Christianity contains I find in Hinduism: but there is one thing which Christianity has and Hinduism has not."

"What is that?" the missionary asked.

His reply was striking. "A Savior."

### God's Seal Upon Mission Work

In an able editorial in the April number of the *Missionary Review of the World* on "Missionary Quickening of the Century," the editor in chief, Arthur, T. Pierson says in the opening sentence, "The most conspicuous seal of God upon the mission work of the century is found in the *spiritual quickenings* which have, at some time, visited with the power of God *every field of labor* which has been occupied by the church with any energy of effort and persistence of prayer."

In the conclusion of the same editorial Dr. Pierson makes a summary of the emphatic lessons which the whole experience of the century in mission work teaches us. They are, he says, lessons worth learning, and may be our guides as we enter upon a new century of missions. The secrets of success are no different from what they were in apostolic days:

1 God has set special honor upon his own gospel. Where it has been most simply and purely preached the largest fruits have ultimately followed.

2 The translation, publication, and public and private reading of the scriptures have been particularly owned by the Spirit.

3 Schools, distinctively Christian, and consecrated to the purposes of education of a thoroughly Christian type, have been schools of the Spirit of God.

4 The organization of native churches, on a self-supporting basis with native pastors, and sending out their own members as lay evangelists, has been sealed with blessing.

5 The crisis has always been turned by prayer. At the most disheartening periods, when all seemed hopeless, patient waiting on God in faith has brought sudden and abundant floods of blessing.

6 The more complete self-surrender of missionaries themselves, and their new equipment by the Holy Spirit, has often been the opening of a new era to the native church and the whole work.

## June Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

### GENERAL FUND

A Sister, Columbus, O.,	\$ 35
Maud Wingard, Flora, Ind.,	2 00
Offerings, Ohio State Conference,	7 00
H. C. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	1 00
National S. S. C. E.,	20 00
Samuel Replogle, Ridgely, Md.,	25
Sunday school, Maple Grove, Kan.,	2 10
S. S. C. E., Phil.,	2 00

\$34 70

### CHICAGO FUND

Brethren church, Lanark, Ill.,	\$10 68
" " Auburn, Ill.,	1 80
" " " " for district,	6 50
" " Stanley, Wisconsin,	11 54
Offerings, Chicago Mission,	4 39
Mrs. Mary Fellers, Mulvane, Kan.,	1 15
Cora Snyder, Waterloo, Iowa,	5 00
King's Children, " "	4 25
Barrel money, " "	66

\$45 97

### WASHINGTON FUND

A. B., Altoona, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
Conemaugh Brethren church, Pa.,	3 00
Bethany " " Va.,	3 00
Johnstown " " Pa.,	5 00
Mrs. E. G. Good, New Market, Va.,	1 00
A Sister, Lincoln, Neb.,	1 00
Washington City church,	31 00

\$45 00

\$ 125 67

Receipts previously reported, 1673 71

Total for eleven months, \$1799 38

### EXPENDITURES

Cash paid direct to J. O. Talley,	\$ 24 23
" " " " W. M. Lyon,	45 00
Check by Sec. to J. O. Talley,	25 00

\$ 94 23

Expenditures previously reported, 1685 87

\$1780 10

### WASHINGTON CHURCH FUND

Amount report June 1,	\$3732 61
Grace Guthrie, Ankenytown, O.,	50
A. J. Teeter, Fredericktown, O.,	1 00
Etta Lichty, Brick cards, Waterloo, Iowa,	3 70
Collected by Geo. James, Washington, D.C.,	1 25
" " Mrs. John Lyon, Wash., D.C.,	1 00
Joel Berkley, Berlin, Pa.,	1 00
Ruth Replogle, Martinsburg, Pa.,	1 00

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### From the National Capital

Another "glorious Fourth" is in the past and we are glad of it. Cannonading, fire crackers and fire works the "order of the day." If these things are any sign of patriotism, then surely, the representatives of the Capital City are very patriotic.

But they have their spiritual counterpart. How many there are who show no signs of spiritual life in their daily walk and conversation, and yet they are careful to observe the ordinances of God's house! They are as worldly as the devil wants them to be and yet they seem to think that somehow they will be saved if they are present on love feast occasions. They are extremely zealous in

this matter. Of course this does not apply to any who have a gospel reason for non-attendance at other times of worship; and there are many such; but it does apply to those who "love the world and the things of the world, "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," and yet show a form of godliness and what a solemn mockery it is—by participating in love feast exercises.

You can not tell who is the most loyal citizen and devoted patriot by the amount of money spent for fire crackers on the Fourth of July, so there are many whose lives and conversation would never remind you of Christ, and that is the reason why we sometimes hear the remark, "I didn't know that so and so made any profession of religion until I saw him at the love feast."

And while I firmly believe that the love feast service has a very important place in the divine economy, yet I greatly fear that many follow the example and teaching of Jesus in these things who have never experienced conversion.

Evidently such expect to work out their salvation by observing ordinances. How satan does like to get people on extremes. One class will stand off and say, "I can be saved without observing the symbol," the other will say, "O, yes, they are all essential," and then they rest their salvation upon ordinances exclusively. Why not avoid both extremes, accept the finished work of Christ for salvation and then magnify the riches of his grace by observing the symbols because of the experience in the life as recorded in Gal. 2:20?

Again we are reminded of brother R. I. Garber's prophecy. Another one of our number has come to the conclusion that it is not good for man to live alone. This time I refer to brother E. L. Johnson who "kept the Fourth" by taking to himself a wife, in the person of Miss Lizzie Bernice Phillips. Our very best wishes attend them as they journey thru life.

On last Sunday we were forcibly reminded that summer is now upon us and that the vacation period has arrived. I refer to the absence of Brother Lemon, and Brother and Sister Parsons, who are visiting parents and friends at their old homes. We miss them. Mrs. J. S. Lyon starts this week on her visit to her parents at Nineveh, Pa. How glad we shall be when all will have finished their summer vacation.

For my own part it is my expectation to stay close by the work all summer; no prospect for any vacation. I want to be able to attend National Conference if the Lord shall open the way, tho from a natural point of view the prospect for going does not seem at all encouraging.

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A Christian is optimistic because he knows that truth shall triumph, and that in the end God will vindicate him.